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SUBJECT: OMEGA - AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP REGRET UNABLE TO
MAKE PROPOSED VISIT TO U.S.

REF: (A) CANBERRA 6938; (B) STATE 235985

1. D.V. SELTH, SECRETARY OF JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE, PHONED EMBOFF NOV 1 TO STATE THAT
SENATOR WHEELDON, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE, HAD REGRETFULLY DECIDED
THAT NO MEMBER OF COMMITTEE COULD MAKE PROPOSED TRIP. REASON
GIVEN IS INCREASING PRESSURE OF PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS BEFORE
END OF PRESENT SESSION IN EARLY DECEMBER. OMEGA SYMPOSIUM IN
WASHINGTON ATTRACTIVE, AND VISITS TO OMEGA STATIONS IN NORTH
DAKOTA AND HAWAII VERY INTERESTING, BUT TIME FRAME WOULD NOT BE
CONVENIENT. WHEELDON ALSO DECIDED THAT, AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE
COULD NOT MAKE TRIP, STAFF MEMBERS SHOULD NOT GO EITHER, THOUGH
HE INDICATED THAT COMMITTEE ADVISER, DR. CROUCHLEY, OF U. OF
QUEENSLAND, COULD GO IN HIS PRIVATE CAPACITY.

2. MUCH APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE BY DEPT AND BY USN OMEGA
OFFICE TO EMBASSY'S INITIAL TEL IN THIS SERIES (REF A). HOWEVER,
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AS MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE UNABLE TO MAKE TRIP FOR SOME TIME, WE

BELIEVE THERE IS NO POINT IN USN OMEGA OFFICE CONTINUING TO
EARMARK FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE DO NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND
"PRIVATE" TRIP BY DR. CROUCHLEY, AS PURPOSE OF IT COULD BE
MISUNDERSTOOD OR MISREPRESENTED BY OPPONENTS OF CONSTRUCTION OF
OMEGA STATION IN AUSTRALIA.
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